



The Wasagan



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MARCH'S GENERAL MEETING
Today: Colin Dobrell: "Stop the Drugs"

President's Message



Ron Hanson

As the short month of February comes to an end, the third month of the Gregorian calendar, March, begins. While March is one of seven months with 31 days, it is more importantly the marker of Spring's arrival. In March the frosty coat of winter is replaced with blooming flowers and warmer temperatures. (Hopefully)

The month of March is home to many events nationally and across the globe, including St. Patrick's Day, International Women's Day and, sometimes, Easter Sunday.

March is also taking on a new role for those of us involved in PROBUS Clubs across Canada. March has very recently been designated as National PROBUS month. Unfortunately, we have been advised of this just a few days ago and regretfully are unable to initiate any special events in time for our March meeting. In the

short time that we had to react, the 5 PROBUS clubs in Wasaga Beach have approached the Town Council with a request to designate March as PROBUS Month in Wasaga Beach. Hopefully they will be receptive to the proposal.

We will encourage next year's executive committee to start plans early in order to properly celebrate March as PROBUS month in the years to come.

Best Regards from Myrtle Beach!

Ron Hanson



OUR GREETERS

THANK YOU to our greeters last month
Bob and Betty Keyes.

You may or may not recognize their surroundings but we can do all kinds of magic here. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker.**



FEBRUARY'S MEETING



Jan Bivall introduced member **Michael Smith**, whose daughter Tina presented his profile. Born in England he came to Canada in 1957. His career involved collecting taxes in London and the film industry. Michael and Joan moved to the Beach in 2002. He has been involved in the woodworking club and is the treasurer which is befitting to a tax collector. Tina gave an excellent presentation which was enjoyed by all.

Thankyou
Great Presentation



Jan then introduced new member **David Robbins**, retired OPP who gave a presentation on lie detectors. He is a certified Polygraph Examiner and through the use of the lie detector and his investigation skills, they obtained 13

murder convictions over the course of his career. Similarly he was able to eliminate a chief suspect in a case. He operates his own business now, working with lawyers in civil cases. After his interesting presentation, **Betty Montgomery** volunteered to be tested and was not able to fool David. Jan thanked David for his presentation and gave him a token of our appreciation.

SOCIAL

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

Games Day and the luncheon were very well attended and everyone greatly enjoyed themselves. Later in the month, a group of members went bowling and have the sore muscles to show for it. They all won a prize for stamina and had fun at the same time. Most went out for lunch afterwards.



Above: Sandra, Kathy, Jim and Sheila

Left: Gertrud and Monika

POT LUCK LUNCHEON AND GAMES DAY



BOWLING AT GEORGIAN BOWL

Congratulations to the winners:
Lance, Lyn, Sheila and Everett

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

"Legends of Rock and Roll and Country Music Tribute"
Saturday, April 12th, 8 pm.
Meaford Arts Centre.
SOLD OUT

Ripley's Aquarium
Friday, May 23, 2014

SOLD OUT - departure 10:00 am
Rec Plex - lunch provided - please
advise if cancelling, as we have
a waiting list. Bring in your cheques
postdated to May 1, 2014



Murder Mystery Show - June 25th

(Produced by our famous member players) with lunch - Collingwood Legion,
\$20.00 per person

Beachcombers Summer BBQ -

July 22nd Wasaga (Klondike) Sports Park - catered, games, and prizes
\$10.00 per person

Segwun Boat Cruise - August 13th (2 hrs) high tea on board, Museum tour, Farmers` Market on
site - Gravenhurst
\$47.00 per person

Georgian Vineyard taste and wine tour September (mid-date TBA) - followed by Walters Falls
delight –
\$15.00 per person

Probus Snowbirds should contact
Penny Rivait via email at evpenrivait@rogers.com
if they wish to sign up to go on any excursion.

Probus Snowbirds stay in touch so you do not miss up and coming events for
spring and summer.



First Edition Book Club

In February, our club members read "on the Outside Looking Indian" by Rupinder Gill. It is a true story, as the author sees it, of growing up in small town Ontario, as a child in a strict, Indian home with very little money for extras. Rupinder never went on school trips, sleep-overs, camp or learn to swim. The family

certainly never went to Disneyland. Rupinder and her siblings spent all of their free time watching television in the basement and eating junk food.

When she is 30 years old, Rupinder decides to take a year off from her job as a TV screen writer and do the things she missed as a child. What happens next is a light-hearted adventure, going to camp, trying to learn to swim, going to Disneyland and experiencing looking after a dog.

This book received various reviews and we rated it about 3.6 out of 5.

THE HAPPY BOOKERS

The February choice for the Happy Bookers was “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak. Set in Molching, Germany, it tells the story of Liesel Meminger, a young German schoolgirl whose young life is significantly altered by the death of her brother, abandonment of her mother and relocation to a foster home during the time of Hitler’s Nazi Germany. A great deal has been taken away from her and she begins stealing books to settle the score. Liesel’s personal relationships with her foster parents, her best friend, Rudy, the mayor’s wife and the young Jewish man, Max, who remains hidden in her basement for two years, are all wonderfully developed throughout the book. It is brilliantly written, compassionate and insightful. So as not to give too much away, the story’s narrator will not be identified. We all enjoyed the book and gave it a 4.75 with a strong recommendation. Happy reading, you’ll like this one!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. On Wednesday **February 26, 2014 at 9:00 AM** about 16 men met at the Sunset Grill in the Stonebridge Plaza.

We now have 25 serious **ROMEOS'** on our list who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for the breakfasts. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579 to get on the list. We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.

Our next breakfast is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 26, 2014** at Yammis Grill.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in March.





Frank, Betty, Olga and Judith celebrate their wins.

FEBRUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

First prize \$45.00 Judith Harrison
 Second prize \$35.00 Betty Keyes
 Third prize \$18.00 Frank Lauzon
 Gift Certificate \$40.00 Olga Yates
PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS

Don Belgum

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Wasaga Beach's Pearly King, **Don Belgum**. Don played the Pearly King (in photo) at last June's 10th anniversary celebration for our Probus club. Don and his entertaining style will be missed. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Marion. A celebration of life is planned for April.



Don Belgum

GOODWILL

Cards were sent to **Marion Belgum, Don Caron and Keith and Marlene Allen**. Sorry if we missed you and, if you are feeling poorly, get well soon. Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Shirley Brett**. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.



Upcoming Speakers

It has been decided to give you advance notice of who the speakers are and their areas of expertise so you can prepare for the meeting and perhaps even send questions in ahead of the meeting to assist the speaker with specific areas of interest. If there is a specific topic of interest you would like to cover please contact **Marilyn Ruse** (422-0271) and/or **Jan Bivall** (429-7584).



MARCH: Collin Dobell - Stop the Drop
APRIL: Milan Sombarac DDS "Your Mouth. Your Health"
MAY: Elaine Choral: "Graphologist" (Hand Writing)
JUNE: Keith Hunter: "Mentalist"
JULY: Thomas McCavour: Author (Bloody Diamonds)

DON'T FORGET:

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Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc. We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Montgomery**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. At March's meeting, Betty will be introducing and welcoming eight new members. Look for their photo next month

PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD. A bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm. When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of *The Wasagan* at www.probus.org/14wasbcnrn.pdf (Please contact *The Wasagan* Editor if your friend does not have a computer.)

MEET YOUR MEMBER – Member profiles may be a rare thing now but that does not mean we do not want to hear from you. If you are able to manage a personal profile, step up and let us know. Most of us would also love to hear from you regarding a hobby or a trip you may have taken. If you bring photos to support your presentation, it will be all the better.

MEMBERS WHO PRESENT THEIR PROFILE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A FREE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEMBERSHIP

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Porter	429-9260	Happy Bookers Club	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	June Davidson	422-0960	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Diane Nagel	422-0835	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Rickey Lemire	422-1738	New group, anyone?		

AND if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups above or you want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

AND if you wish to submit some interesting information regarding your group or submit a good, short joke and/or a photograph, please contact the newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** by email at this special address at

least a week before the next publication date: t.donohue@rocketmail.com (Note, it may or may not make it into the issue.)

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2013-2014

President	Ron Hanson	422-0227		Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Vice-President	Ross Dawe	429-8894		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Betty Baker	422-1909		Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Secretary	Bob Bowyer	429-0579		Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765		Archives	Everett Rivait	422-1573
New Members	Betty Montgomery	429-6894		Social	Penny Rivait	422-1573
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Marilyn Ruse Jan Bivall	422-0271 429-7584		Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR APRIL'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little girl in the black and white photo is one of our Probus members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? All will be revealed at March's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of you in your youth to the editor. Last month we featured **Bob Bowyer** (see photo below for **Bob** today)



THE BABY PHOTO LINEUP

Which one of these gentlemen is our baby featured in last month's issue? It was Bob Bowyer, on the right end.



Our Archivist

Everett Rivait loves your Probus photos. If you take a good photo at a Probus event, perhaps you can share it with **Everett** at evpenrivait@rogers.com

SEE YOU THIS COMING TUESDAY, March 4, 2014



As you can see from the television above, the bowlers were distracted by exciting Olympic images, hence the low scores. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



Another look at the winning team, Lance, Lyn, Sheila and Everett – the Olympics did not distract them so much. Congratulations!

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014
WASAGA STARS ARENA**

Arrive early for the meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M.